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MAKING ELABORATE PLANS FOR BANKERS

Lancaster Banks Prepare for Meeting of Group Six, Banker's Convention.

SESSION FRIDAY MAY 26

Prominent Speakers Scheduled for Talks—Banquet and Automobile Ride Will Be Features of Entertainment.

The Banker's Convention for Group Six District Division will be held in Lancaster on Friday, May 26, as previously reported in the News. It is expected that representatives from all the banks in the district will be present, both from banks that are, and banks that are not members of the district group. Lancaster is looking for a good day of it, and as a consequence is making extensive preparations for the entertainment of the financiers. No effort will be spared by the banks of the city to make this the best district convention, and those in charge say this is going to be the opinion of all the visitors when the convention is over.

The local banks, The First National Bank, The Farmer's Bank & Trust Company and the Bank of Lancaster have organized and have adopted a plan for the entertainment of the members of the convention. Bankers and speakers of note have been invited and good speeches in connection with the banking business will abound. In addition to the speeches and set program there will be a banquet and automobile ride over the city. The banquet will be given at 3 p. m., at the Hotel Royal. The visitors will be carried through the Lancaster Cotton Mills; reputed to be the largest mill under one roof in the world, and will be carried to other points of interest in and around Lancaster.

In other words, nothing which can be thought of will be left out of the program that will help to make it a happy and profitable day.

Following is the program:

Invocation—Rev. Hugh R. Murchison, Lancaster, S. C.

Address of Welcome—Chas. D. Jones, Lancaster, S. C.

Response—C. H. Yates, Camden, S. C.

Address—Looking into the Federal Reserve System, W. E. Cadwallader, Auditor, Fifth Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Va.

Address—The Country Banker's Influence in the Community, Ira B. Dunlap, President of The National Union Bank, Rock Hill, S. C.

Address—Economic and Industrial Conditions, E. P. Grice, Cashier of The Peoples National Bank, Charleston, S. C.

General Discussion.

Election of Officers.

The official for Group Six are as follows: W. R. Scarborough, Bishopville, chairman; Chas. D. Jones, Lancaster, vice chairman; L. L. Parker, Pageland, secretary and treasurer.

Executive Committee

T. B. Clyburn, Kershaw; J. T. Mackey, Camden; J. M. Jennings, Winnsboro; E. P. Miller, Bennettsville; G. W. Duvall, Cheraw and H. W. Woodward of Bishopville.

The business session of the convention will be called to order by the chairman promptly at 11 a. m., in the Mackey opera house.

A partial list of the prominent bankers who have accepted invitations to be present at the meeting are the following:

Mr. W. E. Cadwallader, Asst. to Federal Reserve Agent, Richmond, Va.

Mr. Ira Dunlap, President, National Union Bank, Rock Hill, S. C.

Mr. E. P. Grice, Cashier, Peoples National Bank, Charleston, S. C.

Mr. W. R. Scarborough, Cashier, Bank of Bishopville, S. C.

Mr. Chas. J. Shannon, Jr., President, First National Bank, Camden, S. C.

Mr. Jno T. Stevens, President, Bank of Kershaw, Kershaw, S. C.

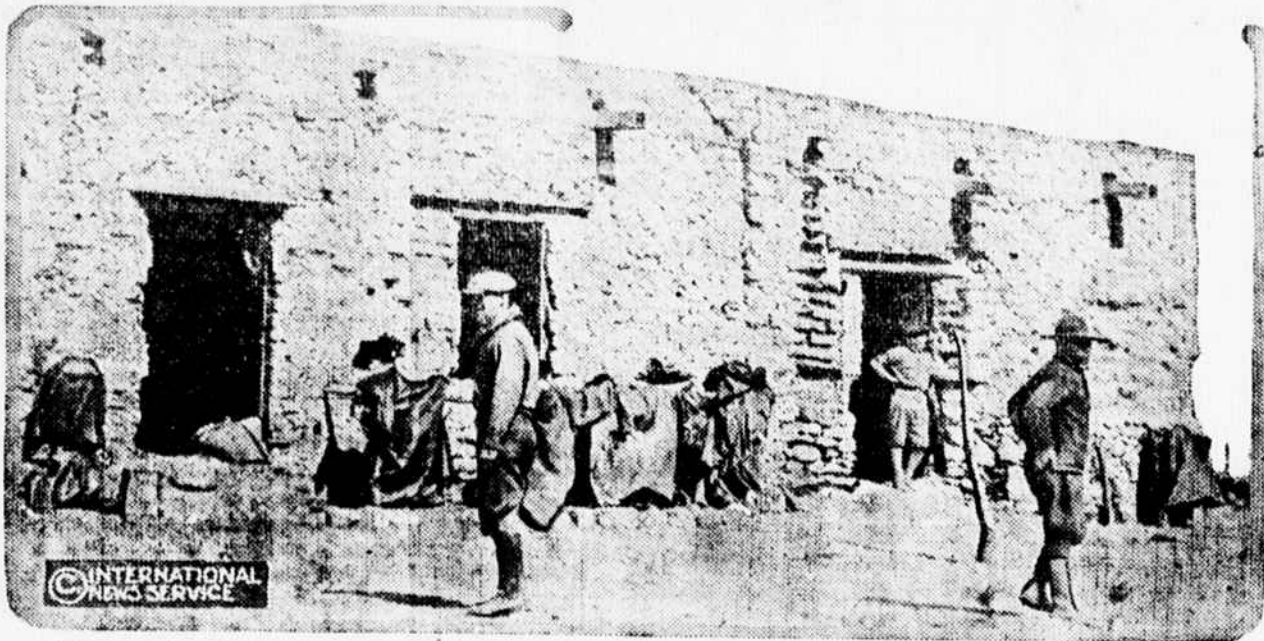
Mr. T. H. White, President, White Bros. Bank, Chester, S. C.

Mr. C. H. Yates, Cashier, Bank of Camden, Camden, S. C.

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BITTER STRUGGLES ON TWO BIG FRONTS

ADOBE RANCH HOUSE TURNED INTO A FORT



When the American troops encamped at Espia, Mexico, they took possession of this old adobe ranch house, punched portholes in its walls and occupied it as a fort.

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN MEXICO IS EXTREMELY GRAVE WASHINGTON SAYS

Monetary Problem Already Acute and Food Shortage Continues Without Prospect of Any Immediate Relief—Labor Strike Serious.

Washington, May 22.—The economic situation in Mexico is extremely grave, according to official advices to-day to the state department. With the monetary problem already acute, the food shortage in Mexico and vicinity continuing without prospect of any immediate relief and with the labor strike extending over virtually all the Mexican Railway lines the de facto government is pictured as facing a serious domestic plight.

First hand reports as to the situation in northern Mexico will reach the department. Consul Fletcher from Chihuahua City is en route to Washington, presumably bringing with him a synopsis of the reports of five other consuls recently ordered to the border to talk over conditions with military officials there.

The department to-day received further advices from Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City telling of the new note being prepared by the de facto government, but throwing no light on its purport.

While reports as to the domestic

situation of the Carranza government are gloomy the attitude of Mexican officials towards the United States has been described as more friendly since the border conference between Generals Scott and Obregon. It is believed possible this will be reflected in the new note although some officials think it probable that a new request for withdrawal of the American expeditionary forces will be included, with whatever other proposals General Carranza has to make.

Since the state department's representations as to the renewed raiding in the Big Bend country of Texas have not been answered, the note is expected to go into that subject. Officials here, including Secretary Baker, say the military conference on the border left the situation unchanged as to steps to be taken with regard to the new raids.

The Washington government is still proceeding on the theory that the right to follow hot trails across the border has been established and General Funston's instructions are based on this view.

PLANS TO RAISE ENDOWMENT FUND

Presbyterian Committee to Recommend Million.

FOR PASTOR'S RELIEF

Proposal is to Devote Large Sum to Caring for Superannuated and Dependents.

Orlando, Fla., May 22.—An endowment fund of \$1,000,000 for the relief of retired ministers, widows of ministers and orphans of those who have spent their life in church work will be recommended in a committee report to be submitted to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States to-morrow. The committee will suggest that the endowment be provided "as soon as possible," and should the report be adopted the Presbyterians, it is said, will have the largest fund for this work of any church in the south.

When the endowment for ministerial relief was authorized in 1911 the goal was set at \$500,000. The fund now has reached \$332,000, but during the past year great impetus has been given to this feature of church work. An offer of one ruling elder is that he will give \$68,000 not later than January 1, 1917, if the church or other individuals in it will give twice that amount by that time. Already more than \$25,000 has been

raised to meet the offer. This matter has been made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Another special order for to-morrow morning is the deaconess feature of the report on woman's activities in the church. The Rev. Neal L. Anderson to-day made an unsuccessful attempt to get this matter before the assembly immediately, but it was deferred until to-morrow.

The work of the assembly to-day was largely confined to discussion and adoption of the report of the committee on systematic beneficence. The report was adopted as presented. An overtone presented to this committee providing that the treasurer

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DORAL-KAN SAYS



Rain Tuesday, but Wednesday will be fair and warmer.

"Every time a motorist labors in a mud-hole, a new apostle of good roads is born."

TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD REFUSES TO TAKE OATH

And Enter the Federal Service Under the Call of President Wilson—One Hundred and Sixteen Are Subject to Court Martial.

MAY BE TRIED AND FINED AS WARNING

To National Guardsmen in General That They Are Undertaking a Serious Responsibility in Joining the Organization.

Washington, May 22.—Reports from General Funston that 116 members of the Texas National Guard had refused to take the mustering oath and enter the Federal service under the president's call, brought members of congress from that state to the war department to-day to find out what action was in contemplation. They were told the matter had not yet reached Secretary Baker for consideration. Mr. Baker's military advisers are preparing recommendations for him. They appear to agree that the men are subject to court martial under the existing militia law, and it is known that some officers believe they should be tried and fined as a warning to National Guardsmen in general that they are undertaking a serious responsibility in joining the organization. The secretary himself has postponed a study of the law in the case until all the facts are before him.

A state department announcement late to-day said the situation in the Yaqui Valley did not appear to be acute at present. The Yaquis are reported to have headquarters at Vacam. Three bands were reported south of the Yaqui River a few days ago but department advices were uncertain whether they were outlaws or Yaquis enlisted by the Mexican government.

COTTON BUYER FOUND NOT GUILTY

A complaint was lodged against T. W. Huey, representing the J. E. Stacks Company, of Monroe, N. C., last Saturday by the city officials in which it was alleged that he was buying cotton on the streets of Lancaster without first having procured a license with which to do business in the city. He promptly gave bond for his appearance in court Monday morning.

It seems from what the News correspondent saw gather, that sometime recently Mr. "Doc" Helms sold a lot of cotton to the Stacks Company in Monroe for a stipulated price, but refused to deliver the cotton to that city after which a compromise was made in which it was agreed that he (Mr. Helms) would deliver the cotton to Stacks, or his authorized representative in the city of Lancaster.

At the trial held Monday morning before Mayor C. D. Jones, the evidence presented in the case showed that Mr. Huey was acting as the duly authorized agent for the J. E. Stacks Company, that he had come to Lancaster for the purpose of receiving, grading and shipping the cotton in question, and that the actual purchase of same had previously been consummated in the city of Monroe, N. C., on the other hand, the city officials claimed that he was using the streets of the city on which to buy, that he was weighing, grading and paying for the cotton all without first having secured a license with which to do business in Lancaster.

After hearing all the evidence the jury found the defendant not guilty. Messrs. R. S. Stewart and D. Reece Williams were the attorneys for Mr. Huey.

DEATH OF A CHILD

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Rollins died at their home Monday morning of cholera infantum. The interment was at Douglas church Monday evening.

Hard Fighting in Tyrol, in Verdun Region and About La Bassee.

AUSTRIAN ATTACKS CONTINUE TO GAIN

Seem to Be Gradually Forcing Italians Back to Their Own Territory—Both Sides Claim Successes in French Campaign

Hard fighting is still in progress between the Austrians and Italians in the Tyrol, the French and the Germans in the region of Verdun and the Germans and British around La Bassee.

The great offensive of the Austrians against the Italians in the southern Tyrol continues unabated and at several points the Austrians seem gradually to be throwing back the Italians toward their own territory. To the southeast of Trent, on the Lavarone plateau, Vienna says the Italians have been dislodged from all their positions and that the Austrians have captured Fima, Mandriolo and the height immediately west of the frontier from the summit as far as the Astach (Astico) valley.

The Austrians for their offensive, according to Rome advices, have been heavily reinforced in men and guns.

Since the beginning of the offensive, Vienna asserts, more than 24,000 men have been taken prisoners and 172 cannons have been captured by the Austrians.

In the region of Verdun both the French and Germans claim successes for their arms at various points. An interesting point in the latest French official communication is the statement that the French have penetrated Fort Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, which the Germans stormed and captured February 25, four days after the commencement of the assault on Verdun and from which all attempts to drive out proved futile. The Germans, however, still hold the northern part of Fort Douaumont. A violent attack also has netted the French several German positions on about a mile and a quarter east of the village of Douaumont. To the northwest of Verdun the French have forced out the Germans from positions south of Hill 287 and west of Le Mort Homme.

Berlin, on the other hand, says the Germans to the northwest of Verdun stormed the eastern spur of Hill 304 and held them against repeated counterattacks. In this fighting the French are declared to have lost heavily in men killed or wounded. Admission is made in the Berlin report of the capture by the French of a quarry south of Haudremont, northeast of Verdun.

Heavy losses in men were suffered by the British when the Germans took trenches from them over a front of about a mile and a quarter near Givenchy-en-Gohelle and in counterattacks to reign them, according to Berlin.

The situation on the Russian front remains unchanged.

The British operating against the Turks in Mesopotamia gradually are drawing nearer Kut-el-Amara, where a large number of their officers and men who recently surrendered are still being held captive. The British, who have been reinforced by Russian cavalry, now have reached the region immediately south of Kut-el-Amara, with the intervening territory between them and their objective clear of Turks except for some small rear guards near the junction of the Shatt-el-Hai and Tigris rivers.

BANKS TO CLOSE

The banks of Lancaster will be closed Friday, May 26, 1916, in order that the officers and employees may be able to attend the Fourth Annual Meeting of Group Six South Carolina Bankers Association which meets upon that date.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

By E. M. Croxton, Cashier.

FARMERS BANK & TRUST CO.

By W. H. Miller, Cashier.

THE BANK OF LANCASTER.

By Geo. W. Williams, Cashier.